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On the Gulch

A Newsletter For and About City of Helena Employees

Streets & Snow

Employee News

Congratulations to:

Noal Petty, promoted to Corporal, Helena Police Department

And welcome to:

Iryna O'Connor, our new deputy city attorney, and Susan Ibsen, Jennifer Borske, and Craig Wichman, our new 911 dispatchers. Also, welcome to full-time police officer Randy Robinson, formerly on-call reserve officer.

"You work for the city, right? I haven't seen a snow plow all winter!"

You've heard the complaints, right? You probably have some complaints, too!

Our streets division staff work hard to keep our streets safe and clear. To find more information about our winter streets program, go to our website: <http://www.helenamt.gov/public-works/streets/winter.html>

Over the years, the plans for winter street maintenance have been adjusted and changed to fit the community's needs.

The current plan includes how our drivers prioritize snow plow routes and some of the challenges they face with ice and dropping temperatures.

They're open to reasonable ideas for changes to our plan. If you have a suggestion for how our plan can be improved, send an email to bsautter@helenamt.gov.

Remember, you are an ambassador for all city employees. When you hear a complaint you have the choice to keep quiet, or support your colleagues by sharing information about our snow plans. Remind people that our team works hard to keep our community

safe on the roads. Let people know that if they have a problem on a city street, they can call the streets department and request assistance - 447-1566.



Don't Drive Distracted!

As a city employee, if you are given a citation for distracted driving during work hours, you are not only risking your job, you are risking your safety and the safety of others on the road!

Tech Tip: Format in Word

Sometimes it's simplest to type all text into a Word document prior to any formatting because you can see exactly how much space the text will take after it's typed.

When you've finished typing your document, click on Select, then Select All to format your font and paragraph spacing. From there, you can change the font type, font size, spaces between lines, space following a hard return (paragraph), etc.

Questions? Call the IT Helpdesk (x8300).

Have you done your required safety training for the year?

Go to our city HR intranet site to see what training is coming up.

https://intranet.helenamt.gov/fileadmin/user_upload/HR/Safety/Safety_Training/TRAINING_CALENDAR_2014-15.pdf



With an early diagnosis, you can avoid being one of the nearly 4,000 American women who die from cervical cancer each year.

Don't be your own worst enemy.

Talk to your doctor to schedule a Pap test.

Get screened.

To ask about financial assistance, call 457-8923



Lewis & Clark City-County
Health Department



Be Active • Eat Smart • Get Screened • Be Sunwise • Be Tobacco Free

Memorial Warming House & Ice Rink

Located in Memorial Park between Frontier Fun Town Playground and Memorial Drive.

Hey Helena, we're here for YOU!!



Hours:	Cost:
Friday 4-8pm	Ages 0-5: Free
Saturday 11am-8pm	Ages 6-17: \$1.00
Sunday 12-6pm	Ages 18 & Up: \$1.50
All HSD Winter Break	

*We close due to poor ice conditions as needed.
Entrance fees are to use the facility. Skates are FREE, but limited in size & availability.

If the back gate is unlocked, feel free to skate on your own. If the gate is locked, please stay off the ice. Thank You!

For more information call 447-8077 www.facebook.com/MemorialParkWarmingHouse www.helenamt.gov/parks

Pines for Perch Christmas Tree Program



Between now & January 31 -
Remove all lights and ornaments and place trees in the alley or on the boulevard for collection – we cannot collect from private property!

Questions? Call Kim or Jake at the transfer station: 447-8084 or 447-8086

DMV Monitor - 1st floor of the City/County Building

Have you seen the giant screen TV in the motor vehicle area of the city/county building? Take a look - and let your supervisor know if you have an idea for content* in the slide show.

It's a great way to inform the public about projects, public meetings, and city policies.

*All content must be directly city or county related.